

Exercise Set 2.3

2. I try to find the average velocity of the ball first:

change in position change in time is written as $\frac{s(c+h) - s(c)}{h}$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{ave}}(4) &= \frac{16(4+h)^2 - 16(4)^2}{h} \\ &= \frac{16h^2 + 128h + 256 - 256}{h} \\ &= \frac{16h^2 + 128h}{h} \\ &= 16h + 128 \end{aligned}$$

which is the average velocity at $t=4$

Next, to find the instantaneous velocity at 4 seconds after the ball is dropped, I find the limit to $V_{\text{ave}}(4)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$:

$$V(4) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} V_{\text{ave}}(4) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 16h + 128 = 128 \frac{\text{ft.}}{\text{sec}}$$

So, four seconds after the ball is dropped its velocity is $128 \frac{\text{ft.}}{\text{sec}}$.

6. I struggled with this problem until I used the approach taken by the authors for the odd numbered problems like this one in the solutions manual. That is, I first found the instantaneous velocity for any second or $v(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(t+h) - s(t)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [-16(t+h)^2 + 128(t+h)] - [-16(t)^2 + 128(t)] \\ &= -16t^2 - 32th - 16h^2 + 128t + 128h + 16t^2 = 128t \\ &= -16h^2 - 32th + 128h \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -16h - 32t + 128 \\ &= -32t + 128 \end{aligned}$$

So, I can plug a 5 into this to get the answer:

$$\begin{aligned} v(5) &= -32(5) + 128 \\ &= -32 \frac{\text{ft/sec}}{} \end{aligned}$$

So, at five seconds the ball is falling and it's velocity is $-32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$